

Nouakchott, Mauritania, December 1 (Infosplusgabon) - The Collective of Orphans, an organization grouping widows and orphans of unresolved humanitarian issues of the years 1990/1991 in Mauritania, Monday expressed its determination to fight against the abrogation of the May 1993 amnesty bill.

The bill, it said in a press briefing here Monday, sought to protect the alleged perpetrators of those actions.

The briefing followed the release of dozens of members of those movement arrested on 28 November during the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the country's independence.

First to take the floor was Mamadou Lamtoro Camara, leader of the group who denounced "the police violence and reaffirmed the determination of the collective to carry on the fight so that the crimes committed against our parents in 1990/1991 are told to all Mauritians and the international community".

Maimouna Alpha Sy, Secretary General of the Collective of Orphans claimed the abrogation of the 1993 amnesty bill was in recognition of the “memory, truth and justice principles to know the place where our relatives are buried as the pain will not disappear over the time”.

These facts, recorded under the regime of Maaouya Ould Sid’Ahmed Taya (1984/2005), concern extra-judicial killing that affected more than 500 militants of the Negro-African community between September 1990 and February 1991.

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